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HOW VERDUN WAS SAVED.

Wonderful Organization and Equipment
That Were Used to Furnish Supplies and Men.

Primarily Verdun was saved by the courage and devotion of the first-line troops, who held the trenches when the attack began. They performed their full duty; they held the line until the reserves came up. They did precisely what the German troops had done in Champagne last fall and with approximately the same losses and with courage and devotion which will remain memorable.

But the defending of the Verdun sector was made possible by the preparation that had actually been made long months before. The civil authorities, asked by the military, to supply a new railroad, had failed miserably.

As I pointed out earlier, there was only the single-track, narrow gauge line, which in point of fact was used almost exclusively to evacuate wounded, but there was the motor transport and this was the miracle of Verdun.

Months before, the military authorities, recognizing the dangerous position of the Verdun salient, reconstructed the one great highway running north from St. Dizier and Bar-le-Duc to Verdun. The existing highway was doubled, trebled in width, proper turn-outs were made and Verdun was bound to France by a magnificent road going north beyond the range of the German artillery all the way to the outskirts of the city itself.

In addition, General Herr, who commanded the sector, had worked out an intricate and marvelous system of motor transport.

When the blow fell it was only necessary to mobilize the motor-trucks, and in an incredibly short time thousands and thousands of these trucks were in operation.

Coming north as I did from St. Dizier to Verdun for more than fifty miles the road was a continuous line of trucks. Over almost the whole distance they were marching in single file with scarcely a break in the procession. Going up heavy laden, they passed through the region behind the front, discharged their contents at the appointed place, and returned empty by smaller side roads.

On all the course I never saw a block or a delay. Rarely, very rarely, a camion was upset or broke down and was turned to the side of the road and temporarily abandoned.

In every village there were repair stations, but day and night steadily, fairly rapidly, this endless chain of motor trucks filed past, bringing men, munitions, supplies.

By this method perhaps a quarter of a million men were brought fresh to the firing line; innumerable guns, heavy and light, were kept supplied with ammunition; armies were rationed; the whole intricate and enormous domestic economy of a great modern army was handled without friction or disorder.

In the cities, such as Bar-le-Duc, the squares and the turns were marked by signs, telling the road to Verdun. Even in tiny villages traffic policemen, soldiers, instructed the drivers, kept the traffic separated, for in addition to the Verdun sector, the St. Mihiel and the Argonne sectors were fed in part by the same route.

All night long in Bar-le-Duc it was possible to hear the endless rumble of the wheels of the great trucks. On the road Paris buses, laden with fresh meat, lumbered steadily.

It was rather like a huge torrent than like vehicular traffic, and it was the real salvation of Verdun, for it preserved Verdun from isolation, it remedied the essential defect due to the cutting of the two railroads, it replaced two useless arteries by a third, which was absolutely sufficient.

In this war the world has talked mostly of German efficiency, preparation, foresight. Yet to see this never-ending procession, these thousands and tens of thousands of motor vehicles proceeding on their way, assembled from somewhere, from everywhere, without delay, without difficulty, mobilized and put into operation, traveling with all the regularity of express trains, was to realize that the Germans were not the only miracle-compellers and that France, in her own way, was also working miracles.

For this system I was told that General Herr was responsible. When the attack began Herr commanded at Verdun.

Almost overnight he was replaced by Pertain, but more than one officer spoke to me of the manner in which the old commander turned over his army and became a mere superintendent of traffic, resigned the glorious for the useful, and made room for one his junior in service and in rank.

For myself I shall remember nothing of all that I saw at Verdun longer than this stream of motor transports, this interminable procession flowing on at an unvarying rate of perhaps twelve miles an hour, the tide which made it possible for the men who defended Verdun to hold their ground and finally to match artillery with artillery and numbers with numbers.—From "The Battle for Verdun as France Saw It," by Frank H. Simonds, in the American Review of Reviews for May, 1916.

FAIR COMMITTEE MEETS

Mass Meeting Called for First Monday
in June to Form Stock Company.

Five members of the Cumberland County Fair Association met Saturday and discussed the question of holding a fair this fall. The opinion was unanimous that a fair should be held and that in view of past experience it could be done successfully.

Those present were President Harry Martin, Vice-President S. C. Bishop, Secretary Jere Morrow, R. R. Dunbar and G. P. Burnett.

On motion and second it was ordered that a mass meeting be held in the court house, Monday, June 5, at noon, for the purpose of seeing what can be done towards organizing a stock company with a capitalization of \$3,000 to \$5,000.

Citizens of other counties are invited to meet with us at that time and the good people of Clifty are especially urged to join with us in the movement.

There never has been a time when conditions were so favorable for the successful launching of a Fair Company as at this time. There is a tract of ground near town that is thought to be available and that it is felt can be procured for a reasonable price. President Harry Martin reported that there is a little over \$100 now in the fair treasury, left from last year.

Nothing that can be done by our people will prove so helpful to this section as such a fair as our people are capable of providing. Cumberland county has little to fear from the live stock or farm products of other counties as the rapid increase in blooded live stock throughout this section has provided us with a superior grade and in farm products no better is produced anywhere. Farmers all over the county should decide to help the movement both with encouraging talk, cash and exhibits. By that means our county will be benefited beyond all thought and expectation. Every indication now points to the perfection of a fair company to be operated along lines both helpful to the farmer and profitable to those who invest their money in the movement.

HAS ACCEPTED.

Chairman G. A. Haley, of the High School board, received a letter Friday from Prof. John A. Miller, of Knoxville, stating that he would accept the position tendered him as head of the High School here for the coming year.

Miss Ethel Keyes, who has been in charge of the musical department the past year, may not take up the work again. While the board feels that Miss Keyes has rendered very satisfactory service the past year, they find it advisable to secure some one who is willing to work for less than was paid Miss Keyes, owing to the low state of the High School fund. However, at this time no one has been engaged and it is probable that matter will not be adjusted until another meeting of the board is called.

HOOPER AND OVERALL

Republican Convention Sends Uninstructed Delegation of Eight to Chicago—Woman's Suffrage Plank in Platform.

Not for many years has there been a more harmonious republican convention held in this state than the one that convened in Nashville last Wednesday. The feeling was general that all would gladly join in electing any man the national convention may select, be he Hughes, Roosevelt or any other able republican.

Nominations were made as follows: United States Senator—Ex-Governor Ben W. Hooper.

Governor—John W. Overall.

Railroad Commissioner—Terry Abernathy.

Presidential Electors, state at large—Alf A. Taylor and Arch Hughes.

Delegates at Large to the National Convention—Newell Sanders, H. Clay Evans, J. S. Beasley, K. W. Austin. On condition that the national convention will allow eight delegates, F. S. Elgin, J. C. R. McCall, R. R. Church and D. C. Swab will also act as delegates, otherwise they will sit as alternates.

J. Will Taylor, at one time Gov. Hooper's private secretary, later the Governor's chief fire marshal, and at all times his confidential friend and adviser, was elected chairman of the state committee.

Former Gov. Ben W. Hooper was clearly the most popular man in the convention. He made one of his characteristically strong speeches and enthused the audience to a high pitch.

Jesse Littleton was there from Chattanooga and joined half heartedly in the decisions reached. He has been out of the party for several years because of his whiskey sentiments and even now as he comes back to join with the anti-whiskey party, it is known he has met with no change of heart and for that reason received no marked favors.

Congressman Austin and Selis were both there and were enthusiastically for Hooper for the senate and indications are that he will receive a strong vote in East Tennessee this time.

An uninstructed delegation was sent to Chicago. A plank was adopted in the platform declaring for Woman's Suffrage. We are glad to say the Cumberland county delegation voted for it. The measure carried by a big majority.

NEWSPAPERS CONSOLIDATE.

Favorite and Expositor Will Appear Under Name of Expositor While Editor Baker Retires.

A deal has been perfected at Sparta that eliminates one of the three papers that have been published there for over a year. The White County Favorite has been purchased by E. C. Barber, who has edited the Sparta News for over a year, and the Favorite has ceased to issue. Editor R. P. Baker, of the Favorite, will be connected with the Expositor in the mechanical department.

Mr. Barber has become assistant to Editor Sutton and will also lend a hand at the mechanical department of the Expositor. No cleaner paper was ever issued from Sparta than Editor R. P. Baker made of the Favorite. He stood for good morals, justice and good behavior, both in private citizens and officials. In this he never faltered and the work he did is deserving of warm commendation.

With the united efforts of the three men engaged in producing the Expositor it should, and doubtless will, prove a paper worthy the confidence and support of the people of White county.

KEEPING UP TO THE MARK.

"Spring fever" is not always a joke. If you feel dull and sluggish, tired and worn out, suffer from backache or weak back, rheumatism, sore muscles, stiff joints or other indications of kidney trouble, it will pay you to investigate Foley Kidney Pills. They are highly recommended as prompt and efficient aids to health. For sale by Reed & Burnett.

ELECTRIC LIGHTS.

W. L. Reagan Here Working Up the Enterprise and Will Return Soon to Decide the Matter.

W. L. Reagan, of Jamestown, was here Monday and yesterday talking with our people about installing an electric light plant in Crossville.

The company represented by Mr. Reagan are willing to put in the plant so soon as our people pledge themselves to take 500 22-candle power lights. While here over 100 lights were signed for and very few of our people were seen. Indications point very strongly to the enterprise being a go.

Mr. Reagan could not remain longer to push the matter as business at other points demanded his attention. He will return in a week or ten days and the matter will be taken up with our people in such a way that an electric light plant will either be installed or the proposition turned down.

One thing is very certain: Crossville will never be what it should and can be until electric lights are installed. It is equally certain that the time is not far distant when we will reach it. One of the great power lines traversing this section of the state is almost sure to make Crossville an objective point within a few years and that will not only mean lights but power as well. Nothing a town can do makes so much for the general improvement and appearance, as well as convenience, as electric lights. Electricity is the only real light, all others are makeshifts, and our people will not much longer put up with the makeshift in one of the most important things that makes for comfort and progress, when it can be obtained with so small an outlay as is now necessary.

HIGHWAY WORK BEGINS.

Five Teams and a Few Men Began Moving Dirt Monday Morning.

Monday morning the Highway Commission began moving dirt in the edge of town near where W. E. Grissom lives. It is not the purpose of the commission, it seems, to do any very extensive work at present because teams and men are both scarce.

The commission mean to build a few miles of road in order to get a knowledge of the cost of the different kinds of work. The costs of culverts being one thing on which they feel they will be able to save considerable money by building them from concrete as against buying any ready made culvert of which they know anything now.

The people are very restless over the slow movement of the work, but time may show, and is likely to show, that the intonation the commission will be able to acquire by doing a portion of the work will be time well spent, in the event it develops later that the work will have to be done by contract. Many persons feel that the main bulk of the work will finally have to be done by contract because of the difficulty of securing men and teams. In that event there is every probability that the commission will be in much better shape to guard the interests of the county for having done a portion of the work as they are now doing.

In view of these facts the people should be patient and not rush to hasty criticisms before the commission has had time to demonstrate or learn which is the safest or most practical way of handling the work.

HOME-COMING DAY.

Monday, June 5, has been set aside as home-coming post card day for East Tennessee. It is urged that the people all over this section send out postal cards to their friends, who have moved to distant states, urging them to come back to the old home in September.

In that glorious month when all nature smiles and the bounties of heaven are most profuse, it is hoped the wanderers will return for at least a brief spell and view old scenes and make glad the hearts of old friends. It is not a bad idea for it certainly can do no harm and may result in much pleasure to many.

INTEREST IS GROWING

Several Ladies Are Working for the Bonus Votes and Others for the Kodaks—Two Special Prizes in Each of the District.

Contestants have been unusually active the past week because they know the Booster Period, when 2,000 extra votes will be given for subscriptions, will end today. Six subscriptions will give you a Buster Brown Kodak, provided you did not get one in the former offer.

If you get the Kodak the subscriptions will count just the same for votes on the two prizes offered in your district and on the two grand prizes.

There is very little reason why any active lady should fail to win a prize when there are eight in sight, but you cannot win unless you work for there are those who are working and they are in earnest about getting one of the prizes. No person can get more than one prize. That gives a better chance for more ladies. One of those beautiful bracelet watches or lavellers would look mighty nice to you and the effort to get one is not much; far less than would be required to earn the money to buy one.

That beautiful talking machine will be a handsome ornament for any home and can be earned for far less effort than it would cost to buy one. If you fail to get the talking machine, there is the diamond ring, a perfect beauty and of fine quality.

Those who nominated ladies should not forget that there is a 26-piece set of silver, worth \$12.00, that is to be given free to the one who nominates the winner. Better help the one you nominated, you might get the silver set.

No one has such a lead yet that it cannot be overcome by active and energetic work. The quitter never wins; it is the stayer that carries off the prizes and the more active a lady is the more interest her friends feel in her.

Don't forget there are two bracelet watches, two diamond lavellers to each district and there are the two grand prizes besides. Everyone has a chance at them. There is nothing cheap about the prizes; every one is a beauty and of splendid quality.

Subscriptions may be taken anywhere in the United States and the paper will be sent just the same and the same number of votes given. Write to your friends at a distance and get them to help you by subscribing.

VILLA BANDITS AGAIN.

Kill Three Troopers and a Ten-Year-Old Boy and Then Escape.

About 70 Villa bandits attacked the little town of Glenn Springs, Texas, Friday night and killed three troopers and a deaf and dumb ten-year-old boy. They took one trooper and two citizens prisoner and carried them away. The citizens are reported to have had their throats cut.

The little town attacked was fifteen miles inland from the border. There were only nine cavalrymen at the little town and they made a brave fight until the adobe hut roof was fired, when they made a dash to get away and three were killed.

A posse of fifty citizens immediately went in pursuit. Another expedition may be sent across the border after them. Carranza will be asked to assist in the capture of the bandits.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS' SALE.

Saturday, May 13th, the Camp Fire Girls will conduct a pie, cake and candy sale in the old moving picture building next door to Barclays, the proceeds to be used in purchasing necessary equipment for the local Camp Fire.

Miss Lucile Tollett and brother Lige are visiting friends in Rockwood.

Mrs. F. J. Upham, Mrs. Leola DeGolia and Mrs. L. W. Martin spent part of last week in Nashville.

Get your old cans and rubbish ready NOW and notify the marshal if you want them hauled away free. After this week you must pay for hauling them as the city will remove no more rubbish free after this week.